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Kentucky News

Frankfort, Feb. 18.—The Vance 50-cent whisky tax law was held constitutional by the Court of Appeals today, in the case of E. H. Taylor, Jr., Sons & Company, Frankfort distillers and warehousemen, in their action against State Auditor J. J. Craig and others to restrain collection of the tax.

Louisville, Feb. 18.—There is a possibility that the gray-clad veterans of the South may meet in reunion to live again the days of the war between States for the last time in Louisville. For thirty years the United Confederate Veterans have held their annual get-togethers, but this 1921 reunion may be the last, according to Nathan B. Forrest, commander in chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who is trying to arrange the 1921 reunion for Louisville.

Richmond, Feb. 22.—Thursday will bring another religious event to Richmond. An all-day conference of laymen and leaders of the Christian churches of Madison county will be held at the First Christian church. The out-of-town speakers will be John H. Booth, of Kansas City, Mrs. Moore, of New York City, Mr. Elsom, of India, and Mrs. Hamilton, of China. This team is touching a number of centers in Kentucky in inspirational and educational conferences in connection with the organized work of the Disciples of Christ.

Frankfort, Feb. 19.—Advising careful study to the preparation of the annual budget Superintendent of Public Instruction George Colvin today sent communications to school superintendents estimating that the State per capita for next year will not be less than \$6.10, the per capita for this year. He insists that the teachers' salaries should be increased where possible and that the attendance next year should be greatly in excess of the present attendance. Beginning with January, 1922, the superintendent's salary must be paid out of the school fund and in making up the budget Superintendent Colvin advises the superintendents to make provision for it.

ANNUAL LEGION MEETING SEPTEMBER 2-3

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 19.—The annual meeting of the American Legion, Department of Kentucky, will be held in Lexington September 2 and 3, it was announced at state headquarters here. It is possible the convention may convene September 1, depending on the wishes of Lexington, according to Adjutant Stephen Jones. "If that city wishes a parade and a 'regular whoop 'er up,'" said Adjutant Jones, "we will start business September 1 and then devote Saturday, September 3, to a parade."

A state committee composed of D. A. Sachs, chairman; Emmett O'Neal and Adjutant Jones have been appointed to formulate the program. Lexington Post No. 8 has appointed a committee headed by J. A. Milton to cooperate with the state committee and to ascertain from the civic organizations of Lexington their wishes and plans regarding the convention.

THE NEXT CABINET

The new cabinet, as selected by President-elect Harding, will be:
Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes, New York.
Secretary of the Treasury—Andrew Mellon, of Pennsylvania.
Secretary of War—John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.
Attorney General—Harry M. Daugherty, of Ohio.
Postmaster General—Will H. Hays, of Indiana.
Secretary of the Navy—Edwin Denby, of Michigan.
Secretary of the Interior—A. B. Fall, of New Mexico.
Secretary of Agriculture—Henry Wallace, of Iowa.
Secretary of Commerce—Herbert Hoover, of California.
Secretary of Labor—James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania.

Texas Bank in Trouble.
Ranger, Texas.—The First National Bank of Ranger did not open, and officials said the institution would be taken over by a Federal bank examiner. Suspension is the result of failure to realize on loans and a run on the bank, officers said. They declared the bank is solvent. In its last report the bank had deposits of \$1,500,000 and assets of nearly \$3,000,000.

U. S. News

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 19.—Selection of Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, to be Secretary of State was definitely announced today by President-elect Warren G. Harding. Mr. Hughes has accepted.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 17.—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, has definitely declined to be considered for secretary of the navy and will not be appointed to any post in the initial makeup of the next administration.

Kansas City, Feb. 18.—Myriads of green bugs of all kind not yet identified, have appeared in Oklahoma and are advancing toward the Kansas wheat fields, according to information received here today by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

New York, Feb. 19.—Enrico Caruso's struggle for life, which began last Tuesday night when he suffered a heart attack, apparently has been won, Dr. Antonio Stella, his personal physician, said today.

There still is danger of another relapse, Dr. Stella added, but he asserted he was satisfied with the singer's condition and was confident he would get well.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Democracy has had its little revolt and has squelched it. There will be no meeting of the entire membership of the Democratic National Committee at this time, nor will there be any political move made that may be interpreted by the public at large as the beginning of a campaign of carping criticism of Warren Harding's administration.

Washington, Feb. 19.—House supporters of the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill pushed it over another hill today in its progress through Congress, where it has been a storm center since the middle of December. By a vote of 190 to 132 they overcame a parliamentary blockade set up by objectors, and turned the measure over to conference committees to adjust differences between the House and Senate.

Trieste, Feb. 16.—Emigration from Central Europe to the United States has been suspended and the eastern frontiers of Italy have been closed, pending the cleaning up of the sanitary situation here. The most rigid regulations have been put into effect with regard to the movement of all emigration not covered by the suspension order. The cases of typhus here are under the strictest quarantine. No new cases were reported today.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20.—American Legion posts throughout the United States were asked tonight by the Legions' national headquarters here to watch for a revival of German propaganda in this country. A bulletin sent out by the national headquarters said the object of the propaganda seemed intended to turn American sentiment against the Allies, and to create "a powerful national political machine by the amalgamation of the disloyal elements in our population."

Washington, Feb. 18.—By the passage in six hours today of three annual appropriation bills aggregating more than \$860,000,000, the Senate demonstrated its ability to work when in the mood. The three bills passed today were the postoffice budget, carrying \$574,000,000; the annual diplomatic and consular bill, totaling \$510,400,000 in its appropriations, and the \$276,000,000 deficiency measure. Senate amendments increased the three bills about \$145,000,000 over totals voted by the House, which necessitate adjustments in conference.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Eight billion board feet of timber was destroyed by the cyclone that ripped a 75-mile path 30 miles wide thru the forests of the Olympic peninsula, Washington State, January 9. Reports from the forest service made public today, class the storm as the greatest disaster ever recorded in the annals of forestry and lumbering. The wind registered 132 miles before instruments at the Weather Bureau station were destroyed. It is estimated to have reached 150 miles thereafter. Practically all standing timber over 2,250 square miles went down in a tangled mass obliterating roads and telegraph lines and with little chance of salvage.

Statues of Suffrage Pioneers



Memorial statues of the three suffrage pioneers, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, which the National Woman's party will present to the national capitol on the opening day of the Woman's party convention, February 15, Susan B. Anthony's 101st anniversary. They were photographed in one of the early stages of development from the block of marble in the studio of Adelaide Johnson in Carrara, Italy. A portrait of Mrs. Johnson is inserted.

BOND ISSUE IS NOT NECESSARY

GOOD ROADS PROGRAM HAS NOT
FALLEN DOWN SAYS STATE
ASSOCIATION.

McBYRDE GIVES FIGURES

Kentucky Compares Favorably With
Other States in Record of Construction
and Prospects For Ample Funds
to Continue For Next Ten Years.

Louisville, Ky.—The Kentucky Good Roads Association was the first organization in the State to concentrate its efforts on the creation of a State Highway Department and the building of a State-wide system of highways. It has seen the movement for good roads in Kentucky grow from a few voices crying in the wilderness into as good a system of highway administration as is enjoyed by any of the States.

Naturally, together with all other Kentuckians, its membership has been much concerned recently by the repeated reports made to the public and the press that the whole system is "going to pot" for lack of funds and that the only thing that will save it will be an extra session of the Legislature to submit to a vote of the people a bond issue estimated at anywhere from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Investigation made by Robert J. McBryde, President of the Good Roads Association, has disclosed the fact that not only is Kentucky not in need of a bond issue to build roads, but that it now has more money for this purpose and is building more roads and better roads than ever before in its history. If the present pace can be maintained, Kentucky's entire system of highways will be completed within the next ten years.

Actual conditions as taken from the official record are as follows:

Total State Aid Road Fund now available for road construction	\$2,100,000.00
Total Federal Road Fund now available for road construction	3,023,257.31
County appropriations made but not yet under contract	2,998,007.00
Total available road fund	\$8,126,264.31

The State Highway Department during 1920 has had under contract a total of 649.91 miles of Federal and State Aid Roads at a total cost of \$7,687,867.58. Of this mileage 347.5 have been completed.

In addition, the State Highway Department has co-operated with the counties in the maintenance of 104.91 miles of state highways built under the provisions of the former State Aid Maintenance Law.

At the beginning of the year 1921 the State Highways Department has completed surveys and plans and is ready to advertise for bids on 197.7 miles of Federal and State Aid Roads. Surveys have been made and plans partially completed for an additional 330.9 miles of such roads and surveys have been completed on another 234.5 miles.

There has been favorably reported by the Roads Committee of both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate a bill increasing by \$100,000,000 per year the Federal appropriation for roads.

START YOUR GARDEN EARLY

Department of Agriculture Puts Forth
Plea for the Raising of More
Food Products.

Gardens are going to be just as important the coming year as during the war period, United States department of agriculture specialists declare. High food costs, they say, are likely to remain until more to eat is grown and distributed. Farm gardens, village gardens and city backyard gardens all will help. Food produced in the garden not only helps balance the family budget but releases that grown on farms for the use of people who are entirely dependent upon others.

With the lengthening of the days it will not be long until land can be worked, and such hardy crops as peas, onions, lettuce, radishes and beets planted, especially throughout the lower Gulf coast region. The average date of the last killing frost of the winter in this section is not later than



Corner of a Town Garden.

March 15. This zone includes the southern portion of South Carolina, the southern half of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, almost the whole of Louisiana and all southeastern Texas. Several of the more hardy garden crops, including those mentioned above, will withstand considerable frost and may be planted at least a month before the average date for the last frost.

Irish potatoes are easily injured by freezing, but they require about a month to come up and may be planted at about the same time as lettuce and radishes. It pays to take a chance on the early planting of certain of the more hardy garden vegetables. If they are killed or severely injured they may be replanted. A good method is to make about three plantings at intervals of three weeks, and if the first planting is killed the later ones take its place.

If this bill becomes a law, Kentucky's Federal Aid quota will be increased \$2,000,000 annually. The amount produced by general and special state taxes will of necessity increase each year.

Kentucky in the past year has had \$5,000,000 to spend for roads, and there is every reason to believe that within the next three years Kentucky's annual road fund will be not less than \$10,000,000.

For the first time in its history Kentucky not only has a completely equipped State Highway Department, but all of the money that is needed to administer it successfully.

SNOW BLIZZARD SWEEPS NEW YORK

FIVE DIE IN GRIP OF STORM—
POLICEMAN AND WOMAN ARE
VICTIMS OF BLIZZARD.

Foot of Snow Falls in Heart of New
York—Broadway is Converted Into
Small Canyon—Steamship Aground
Off Coney Island.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New York.—Five deaths resulting from the blizzard that swept New York and vicinity had been reported to the police. A Brooklyn policeman was one of the victims. He stepped in front of a street car while blinded temporarily by the storm. A woman was killed almost instantly in a Brooklyn subway station, when ice on her shoes caused her to slide and fall in front of an approaching train. Two men were found dead in drifts, with snow shovels in their hands. The fifth man perished when he attempted to cross a snow-drifted beach on Staten Island.

New York.—Real winter gripped New York and neighboring towns. The Weather Bureau has warned that the storm will be followed by clearing and colder. Two hours after the storm started municipal authorities began work to prevent an ice tie-up. More than 12,000 men were engaged in the work of snow removal. More than 3,000 civilian volunteers were aiding in clearing the main arteries of traffic.

The "tanks" of the Street Cleaning Department, a newly devised snow plow, had their first try-out under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department. They were assigned to heavy traffic streets and first made their appearance on Broadway, in the theatrical district, where they burrowed canyons for the passage of long streams of taxicabs and other automobiles.

Reports reaching the Weather Bureau indicated the storm extended as far north as Syracuse and was raging throughout Northern New Jersey, in certain sections of Southern New Jersey and in Eastern Pennsylvania. Reports from Northern New Jersey indicated a snowfall there more severe than in New York. During the day fragmentary reports received at the Naval Communication's Office gave rise to anxiety that the blizzard would be attended by loss of life at sea.

Wireless reports said two ships were in distress, the steamship Cold Harbor being aground off Coney Island, and the steamship Lycoming struggling with the loss of two propeller blades, 35 miles off Barnegat. Tugs were dispatched to the assistance of the Cold Harbor and later it was announced she was expected to be refloated at high tide. It also was learned the Lycoming was proceeding to New York under her own power. Representatives of the Downtown League were at work early in efforts to prevent suffering as the result of a shortage of food. Streets in the vicinity of the produce and provision markets were cleared and squads of snow shovelers were left at work to keep abreast of the storm. The snow "tanks" were called to the battle early by a regular fire alarm. The bells in the fire stations sounded "14-14" and the tractors responded as though to a regular fire signal. Manned by firemen, who apparently enjoyed the work, they tackled the snow piles vigorously, breaking a way for the shovelers who followed.

Martial Law Reported.

Vienna.—Martial law is reported to have been declared in Hungary in view of the threatened general strike of workers, who are demanding increased pay. Strikes are illegal in Hungary, and troops are said to be concentrating in Budapest and West Hungary. A strict censorship is declared to be in force. The Government again has yielded to the demands of civil employees and promises an immediate bonus of 4,000 crowns for the current month.

Mexico's Volcano May Be Broken.

Mexico City.—Popocatepetl, Mexico's "smoking mountain," is in imminent danger of violent eruption, according to the report of a geologist from the National Geological Institute, who has just returned from a tour of investigation. Immense columns of gases, sometimes more than 2,100 feet high, are rising from the crater, which no longer is covered with snow, due, the geologists say, to the volcano's activity.

Court Vacates Big Award.

Boston, Mass.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals vacated a jury decision in the Federal District Court awarding \$16,801,301 to the Boston, Cape Cod & New York Canal Company in its suit against the Government for purchase of the Cape Cod Canal. The case was remanded to the lower court for new proceedings. The Circuit Court ruled to be incompetent evidence to the effect that the canal was a valuable adjunct to the nation's military and naval defense.

World News

The Council of the League of Nations has begun its sitting at Paris. Among the matters that require attention is the appointment of a commission to consider the amendments to the covenant of the League, suggested at the recent assembly of the League. Two of these are important, for one would cancel entirely the famous Article X, and the other would make all members of the Council elective by the Assembly. An effort will also be made to do something for Armenia.

It is reported that Prince Kropotkin has died in Moscow, Russia. It has been known that he was out of health for some time. Until recent times he had been obliged to live outside of his native land on account of his radical views. He was a man of noble birth and of great mental power. He was a socialist but not of the violent order. He also received a military education and served for some time in the army, becoming an officer of distinction.

The United States Congress has authorized the purchase of the late Pierpont Morgan's place in London as a permanent home for the American ambassador to England. It is very desirable that the United States should provide proper accommodations for diplomatic representatives abroad. We have been remiss in the matter, and second rate countries often have better dwellings for their ministers in other countries than a rich nation, such as the United States is.

The Home Rule Bill for Ireland will go into effect early in April, according to a decision of the Privy Council. The first move to be made is to set the elections of members for the two parliamentary bodies provided by the bill. England is determined to see this matter through along lines legally provided, and she will not give in to the terrorist methods which have been used by the advocates of freedom.

The Allies seem to have come to an agreement among themselves to allow Turkey to have a part of the territory of Thrace, which, it was expected, would go to Greece. This will amount to about one-fourth of the land of that province. It is also expected that Turkey will have a representative in the commission or board that acts for the nations in controlling Constantinople. This seems to be the conclusion of a long study of the situation and gives consideration to all interests.

The appointment of Charles E. Hughes as Secretary of State by President-elect Harding insures a capable and dignified management of foreign affairs. It is fitting also that the man who made so good a run for the presidency against Mr. Wilson should receive this recognition. Mr. Hughes has filled all the offices to which he has been elected or appointed with great ability. He is a careful, painstaking man and his appointment will be well received by foreign nations as well as in the United States.

It seems possible that the United States may accept from Belgium German bonds in payment of Belgian indebtedness to our country. The amount of the debt is something like \$170,000,000. England and France are expected to do the same and the debts of those countries are much larger than the obligation to the United States. This discharges part of Germany's debt to Belgium at the same time that it settles Belgium's debt to the United States. Enough buyers for the bonds can doubtless be found.

Can Never Tell About Beasts.

In New England there was a man who would never commit himself on any question. Time and time again attempts were made to compel him to take a stand, but to no avail. One day two of his friends decided to make another attempt. "Bill," said one of the men in the non-committal man's presence, "a traveler told me that he once saw a buffalo climb twenty feet into a tree to get some grapes." "What's that?" exclaimed the other. "A buffalo climb a tree! Say, Jim," he continued, turning to the non-committal one, "what do you think of a story like that?" "I don't know," replied Jim, "but there's no telling what a buffalo might do if he wanted grapes."